

Watchung Public Library: Spring Programs, 2015

You can register in-person, by telephone (908-561-0117), or online at www.somerset.lib.nj.us.

To register online, click on EVENTS/PROGRAMS (at top of page) and go to WATCHUNG to find the calendar of events. By including your email address when registering, you will receive a reminder about the program.

Much More Fun for Munchkins

Presented by: Mrs. Fine

Age: 2 1/2 to 3 with Caregiver

Enjoy books, songs, fingerplays, flannelboard stories, puppets and crafts - of course!

Tuesday, March 17 and April 21 at 10:30 AM

Storytime with the Cat in the Hat

Ages: Preschool and Up with Caregiver

Presented by: The Cat in the Hat (Watchung's Jessica Wexler)

Come and join the party to celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday! The Cat in the Hat will be here reading stories and making mischief. Prepare to be silly!

Tuesday, March 3 at 12:00 PM

Miss June's Room

Ages: 4 to 6

Don't miss Miss June! Relax and have fun making a project, hearing a story, and enjoying a snack,

Thursday, March 5 and April 2 at 4:00 PM

Leisa's Lovely Crafts

Ages: 5 to 8

Enjoy a craft, snack and stories.

Wednesday, March 25 and April 29 at 4:15 PM

Baking & Books with Doug

Ages: 6 and up

Bake something delicious to eat and dig into some great stories!

Tuesday, March 3 and April 7 at 4:15 PM

Poe -Tree

Ages: 7 to 10

April is National Poetry Month. Share in some poems and then create your own poem and we will hang it on our library Poe-Tree.

Monday, April 13 at 7:00 PM

Worms with a Wiggle

Presented by: Rachel Bjaczyk, Somerset County 4-H

Sponsored by: The Garden Club of Watchung

Ages: For Children in Grades 1 to 3

Celebrate Earth Day! Create your own compost bin or study ours. Watch red wigglers turn your garbage into a rich humus for planting.

Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at 3:45 PM

LEGO® Club

Ages: For Students in Grades 1 to 5

We have lots of LEGO® pieces. We need the kid's creativity!
If you like building with LEGO® pieces, come to LEGO® club!

Monday, March 23, April 27 and May 18 at 7:00 PM

Family Fishing

Presented by: Michael Underwood, MDU Global Enterprises

Ages: 8 to 12 years old and Adults

Get ready for Spring! Fishing is not only a great way to get our children unplugged and engaged in a healthy outdoors activity, it is an ideal way to develop an appreciation for our fragile aquatic resources; to provide important, real-world experiences in the sciences; and to foster a love of the out-of-doors. Fishing is an activity that can be started at any age by any person, regardless of gender, physical size or athletic ability. Fishing can also be enjoyed individually, or with family and friends. The Family Fishing program will consist of five learning stations:

1. Knot Tying
2. Casting
3. Fish Identification
4. Lures/Bait, and
5. Terminal Tackle.

All program materials will be provided. Children must be accompanied by an parent/adult caregiver.

Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 PM with a repeat of this program on April 22

Beyblade Battle

Ages: 8 - 10

Join in for some Beyblade battle action. We will provide the Beyblades and you "Let it Rip."

Monday, March 9 at 7:00 PM

The King's Castle: The Chess Club for Kids

Ages: For Children in Grades 3 through 8

Come and play and learn the fabulous game of chess, "The Game of Kinds." Every month we will learn new ideas in chess, ranging from basic to advanced play. Both beginners and experienced players are welcome.

Monday, March 2 and April 6 at 7:00 PM

Life Hacks U Can Use

Ages: For Students in Grades 5 to 12

"Life Hacks" are clever and efficient ways to solve real world problems, both with and without the help of technology. In this program, we will try out some life hacks and discuss others that are useful for teens. If you know a good life hack, come share it! Registration is required to ensure enough supplies.

Wednesday, March 18 at 7:30 PM

Not Your Grandmother's BINGO

Ages: For Students in Grades 5 to 12

Teens are invited to play a new version of bingo. This game combines a bingo-style board with a scavenger hunt. Be the first to discover library items, fill in a row, and win a prize! Registration is requested but not required.

Wednesday, April 22 at 7:00 PM

Teen Action Group (TAG)

Ages: For students in grades 6 to 12

Teen Action Group (TAG) members have a voice in activities and materials for teens in the library. Exactly what TAG does is up to its members, with approval from the teen librarian. Join the group and share your ideas! Meetings are usually the first Wednesday of the month. Registration is not required.

Wednesday, March 4, April 1 and May 6 at 7:30 PM

Never Judge a Book by its Movie

Ages: For Teens & Adults:

Thursday: March 26 at 7:00 PM: *Divergent and/or Insurgent* by Veronica Roth.

Thursday, April 23 at 7:00 PM: *Paper Towns* by John Green

Mah Jong Club of Watchung

Ages: All Ages

The Mah Jongg Club of Watchung meets every Monday and Tuesday from 1:00 to 4:00 at Watchung when the library is open. Contact Melanie Novello at Novello1800@aol.com for more information, or to be placed on the distribution list to receive evites for both clubs. No fee - All welcome

Mondays and Tuesdays from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Watchung Writers Group

Ages: Adult

If you're interested in writing of any kind and want to improve your skills and share your experiences, The Watchung Writers Group would like to meet you. The aim of the Group is to stimulate better writing. We work toward this goal through critiquing, spontaneous writing and examining the various technical aspects of writing. Also, we periodically have guest speakers such as agents, editors and publishers. So, mark your calendar. We look forward to your participation in the writing group. Any question, contact Pat Rydberg at pattijeanr@aol.com.

Thursdays from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

The Writer's Galley

Ages: Adult

A writer's workshop that brings together writers of all abilities to share their stories of fiction and non-fiction. We will provide helpful critiques and ideas to conquer the unending struggles with the written word.

Wednesday, March 11 and April 15 at 7:00 PM

WACC Watchung Adult Chess Club

Ages: Adults Only

Get WACC'ed! Come and play chess at Watchung Library! You bring the body and the brain, and we'll provide the boards, pieces and clocks. Registration is not necessary, but appreciated. By providing an email address, you'll receive a reminder about the program.

Monday, March 16 and April 20 at 7:00 PM

Energy Meditation

Ages: Adult

Presented by: Patricia Barron

This seated meditation will be guided by the instructor with meditative music to circulate your energy and heal on a physical, mental and emotional basis. This class is based on principles of Chinese Medicine. It will inform you how to quiet the mind by using the structure of your body and the focus on certain points on the body to become more mindful of the present moment. This practice will free up your energy so you will feel calm yet enlivened and rejuvenated. All meditations are done while seated on a chair so all are welcome to participate.

March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10 at 10:30 AM

CURRENT BOOKS Book Club

Ages: Adult

Second Monday of the Month (with exceptions for holidays).

Monday, March 9 at 11:00 AM:

Light Between Oceans by M.L. Stedman

Monday, April 13 at 11:00 AM:

Longbourn by Jo Baker

Monday, May 11 at 11:00 AM:

A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway

Social Action Book Club

Ages: Adults

Third Thursday of the Month

Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 PM:

MOVIE: *Ivory Tower*

Thursday, April 16 at 7:00 PM:

MOVIE: *Fed-up*

Thursday, May 21 at 7:00 PM:

MOVIE: *Why We Fight*

TASTY BITES AND BOOKS Book Club

Ages: Adult

Bring a bag lunch and share your thoughts!

Monday, March 16 at 12:00 PM:

July, July by Tim O'Brien

Monday, April 20 at 12:00 PM

The Good Lord Bird by James McBride

Watchung Book Discussion Group

Second Thursday of the Month at 7:00 PM

We throw in books you would otherwise never read, but are worth reading! Drop-ins are always welcome.

Thursday, March 12 at 7:00 PM:

Where'd You Go Bernadette? by Maria Semple

April 9 at 7:00 PM:

Burial Rites by Hannah Kent

Community Open House: Learn How to Make Something @ Watchung Library!

Check out the activities you can do as the Watchung community celebrates NJ Makers Day! The activities are open to all ages. Make a topiary, thanks to the expertise of the Garden Club of Watchung. Create a suncatcher and help Girl Scouts earn their awards. You can also learn how to cast a fishing line, decorate cookies, craft a paper robot, and more. Be part of the fun!

Saturday, March 21 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM